

REMARKS

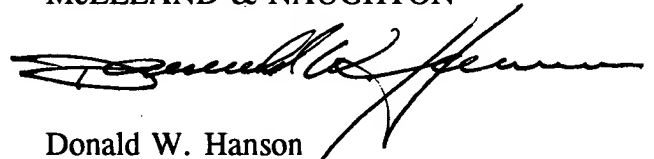
By the present amendment, dependent claims 12 and 13 have been added to specifically recite that the claimed artificial joint is for implantation in a joint of a human being. Support for this subject matter may be found on, among others, pages 1 and 15 of the present specification. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration of the subject application as amended herein is earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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